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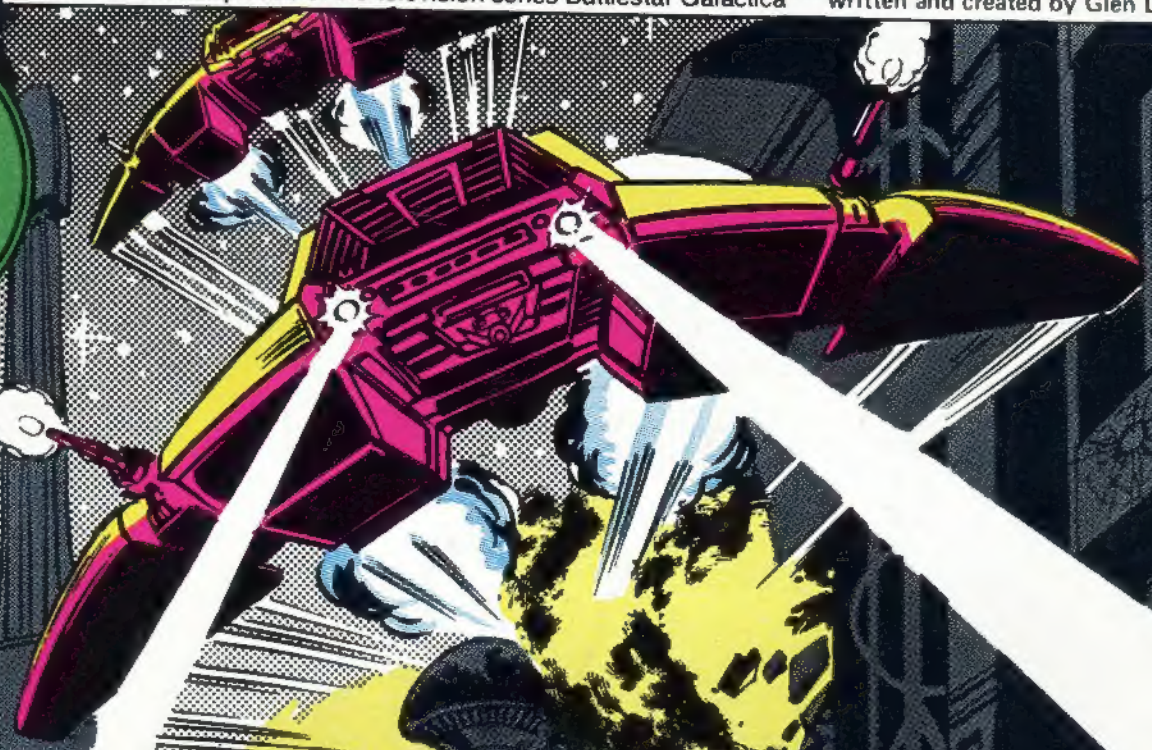
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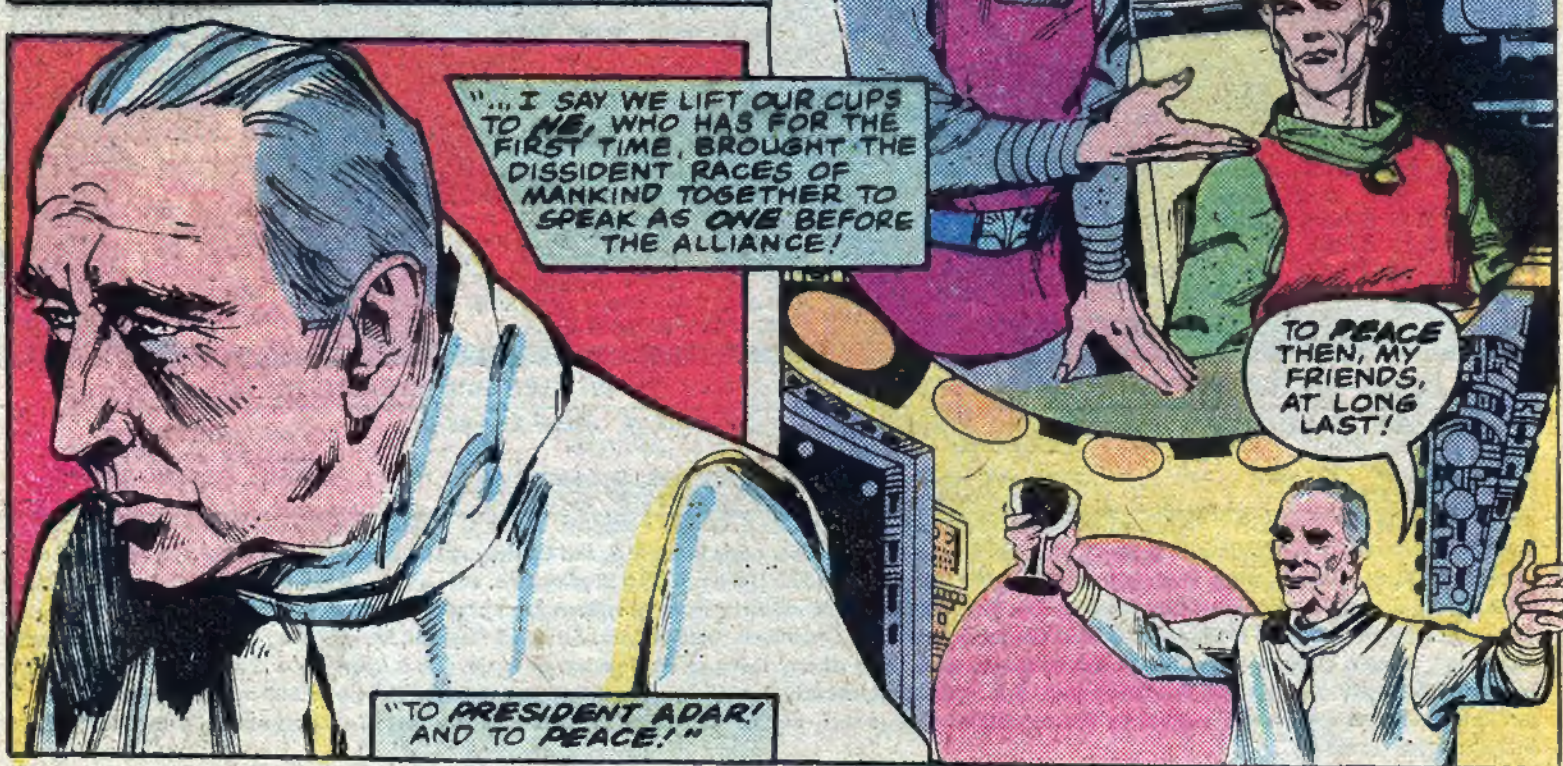
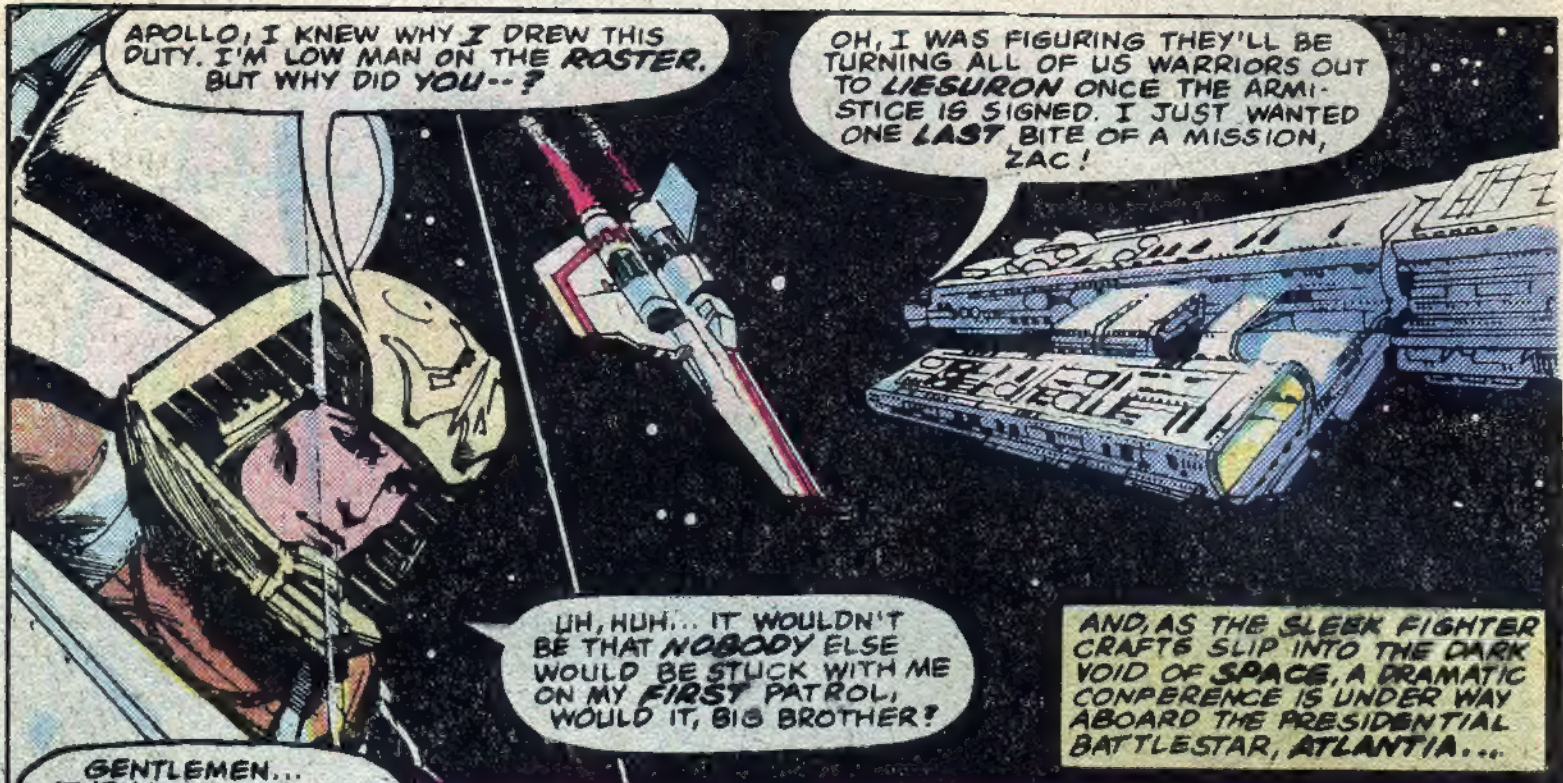
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MR. PRESIDENT, DO YOU BELIEVE THE CYLONS WILL--

I BELIEVE IN BALTAR, MY FRIEND. THEY CHOSE HIM AS THEIR LIASON.

UH, IF YOU WILL EXCUSE ME...

COMMANDER ADAMA! I SEE MY PARTY WASN'T A HUGE SUCCESS WITH ALL MY CHILDREN...

IT'S WHAT AWAITS US... OUT THERE THAT TROUBLES ME.

SURELY YOU DON'T CLING TO YOUR SUSPICIONS ABOUT THE CYLONS? THEY ASKED FOR THIS ARMISTICE. THEY WANT PEACE.

...AND THAT'S AN ALIEN WAY OF EXISTING THAT THEY WILL NEVER UNDERSTAND, MUCH LESS ACCEPT!

FORGIVE ME, MR. PRESIDENT, BUT THEY HATE HUMANS WITH EVERY FIBER OF THEIR BEING! BECAUSE WE LOVE FREEDOM... CHERISH INDEPENDENCE...

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"STRANGE, I'M JUST PICKING UP STATIC BEYOND IT..."

COULD BE A STORM... AND THE FLEET WILL BE COMING RIGHT THROUGH IT!

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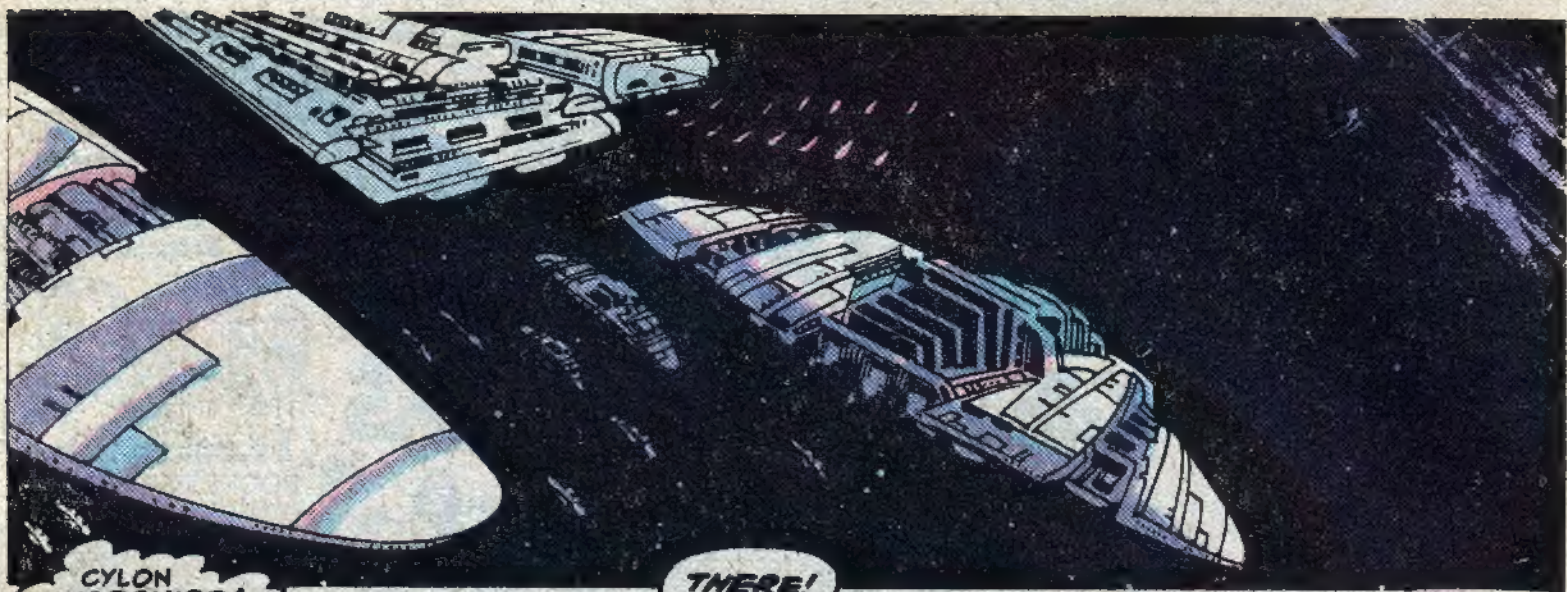
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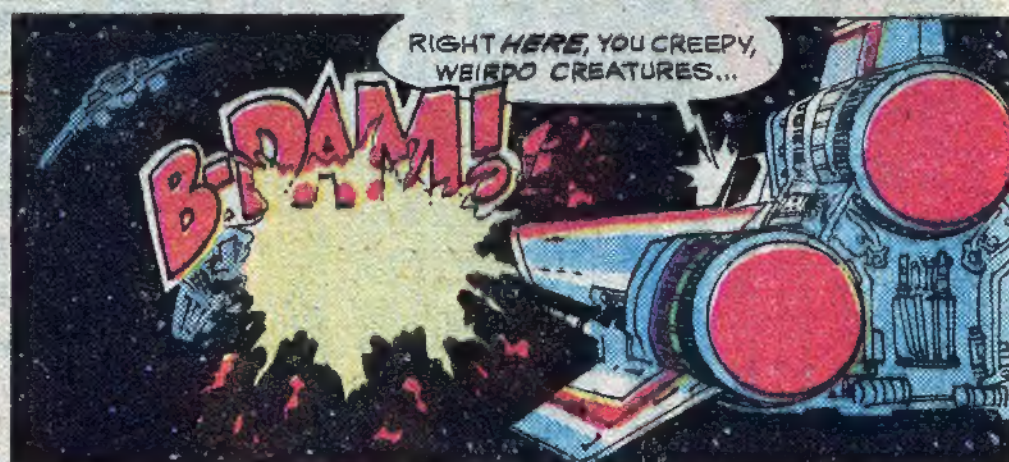
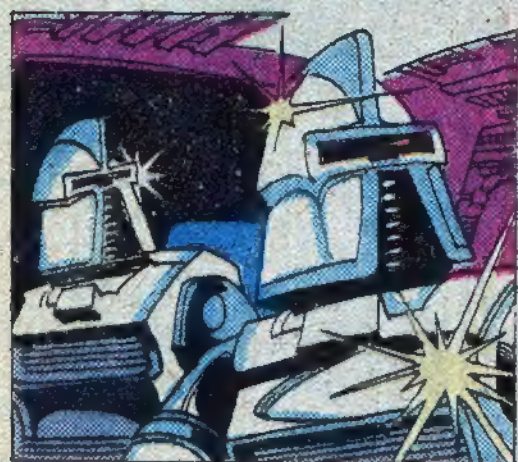
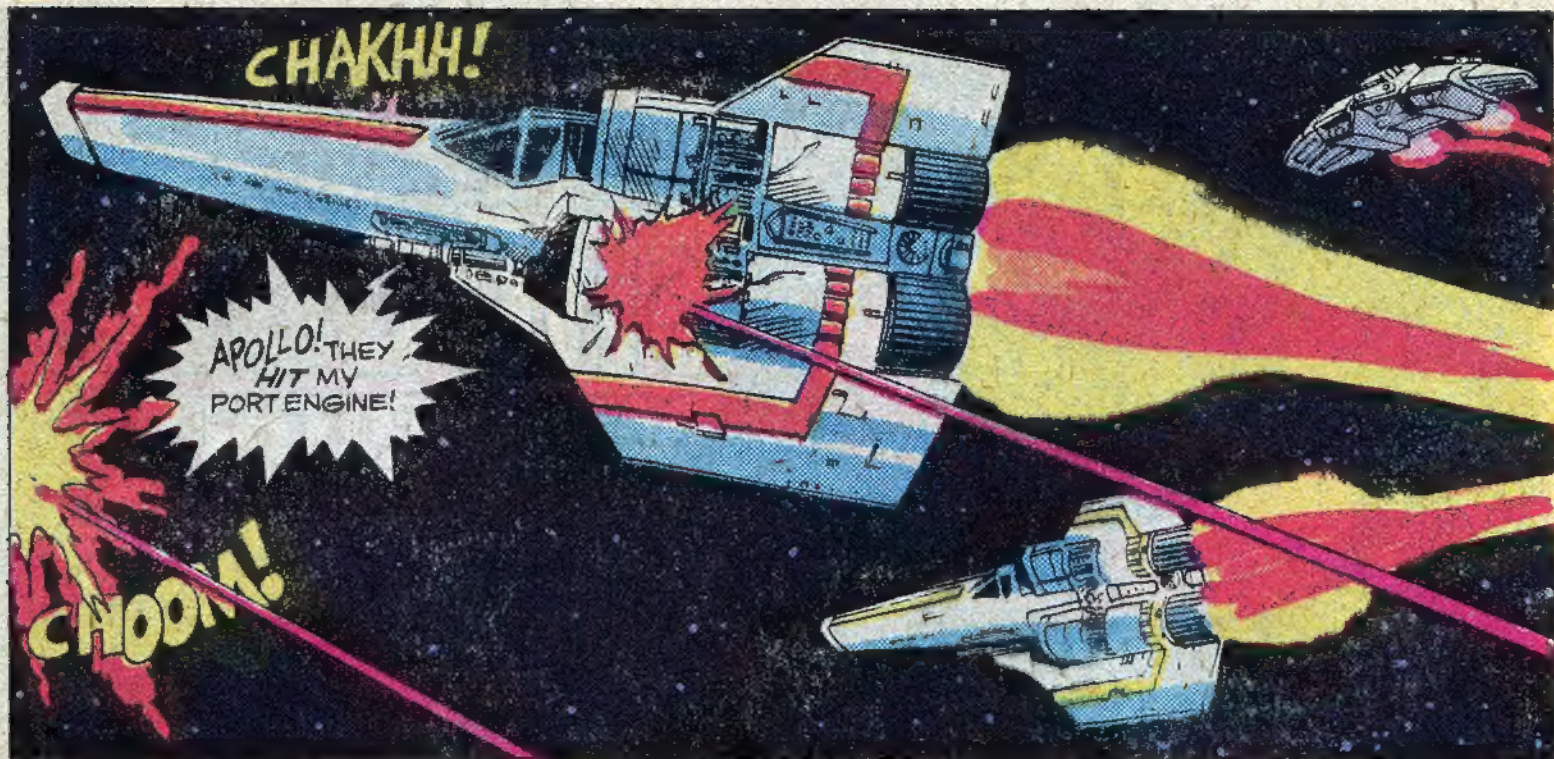
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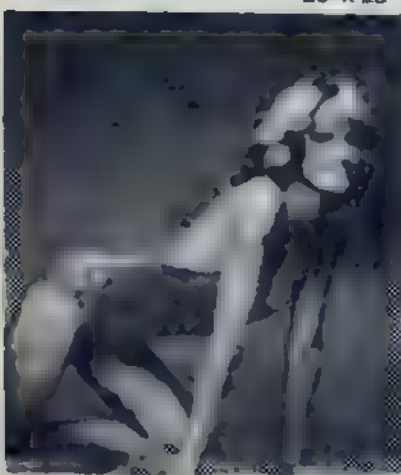
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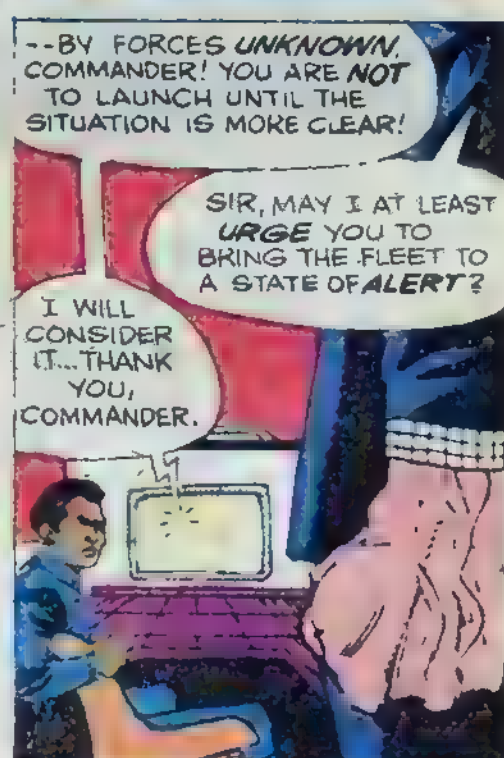
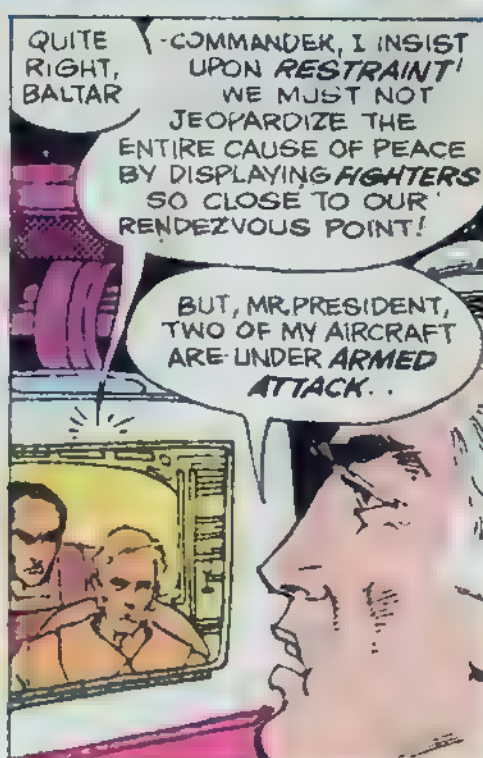
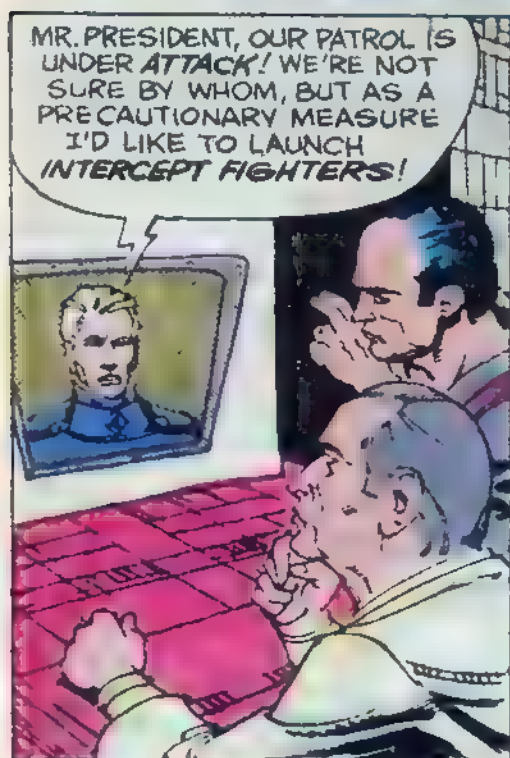
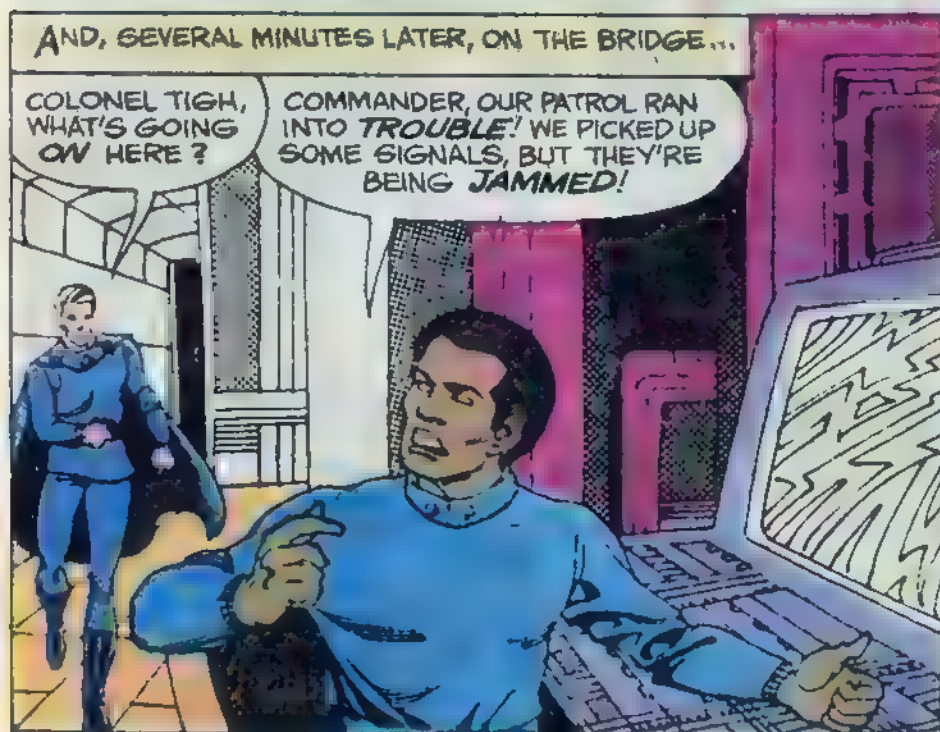
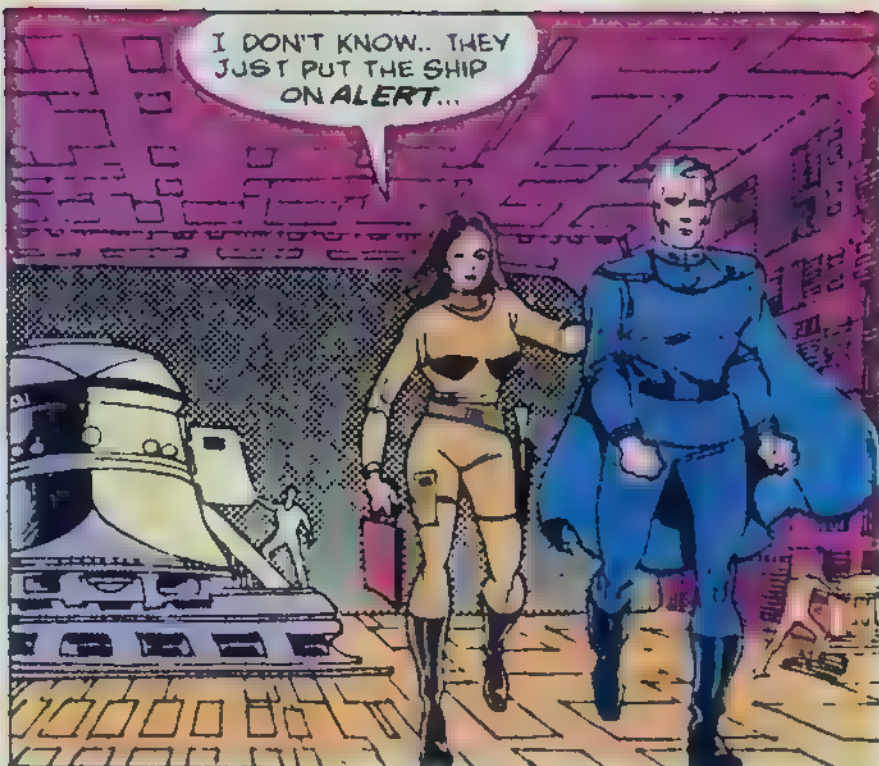
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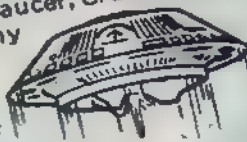
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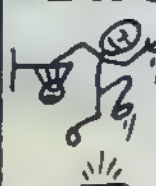
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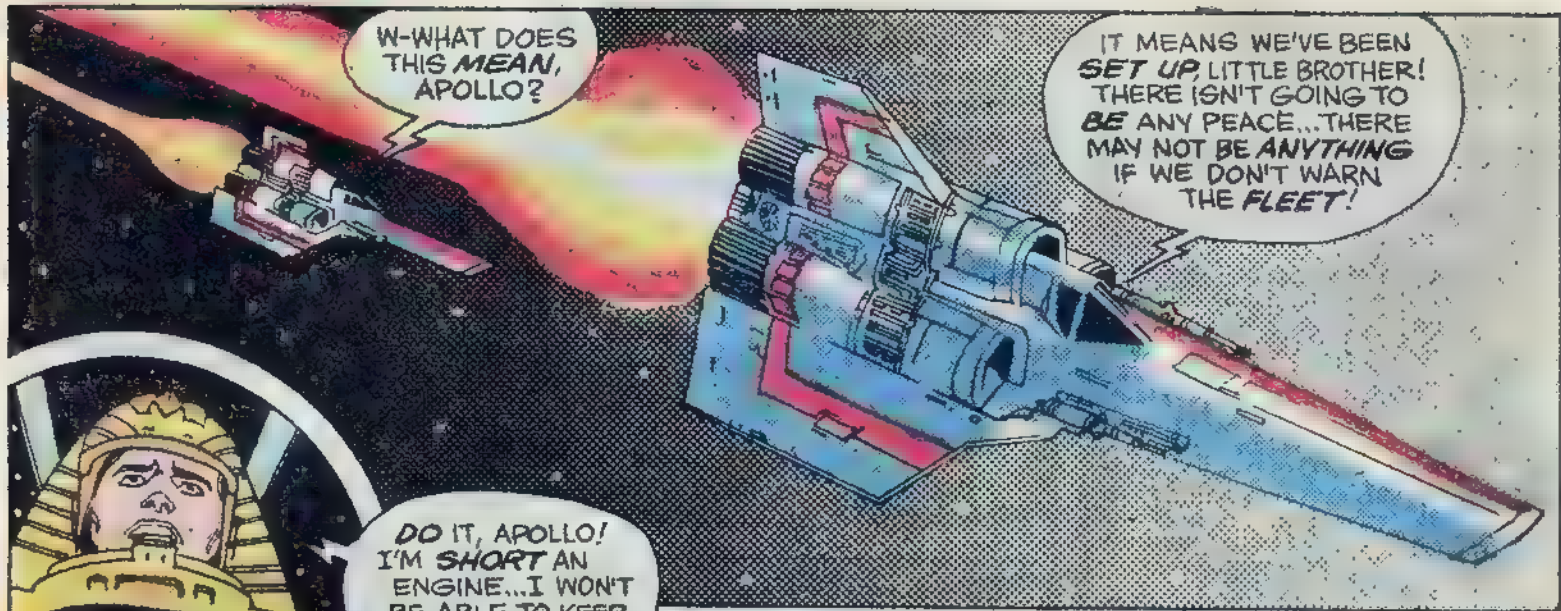
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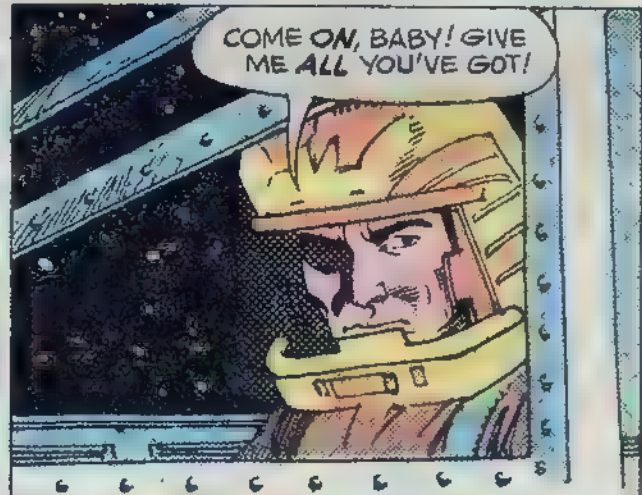
IT MEANS WE'VE BEEN SET UP LITTLE BROTHER! THERE ISN'T GOING TO BE ANY PEACE...THERE MAY NOT BE ANYTHING IF WE DON'T WARN THE FLEET!



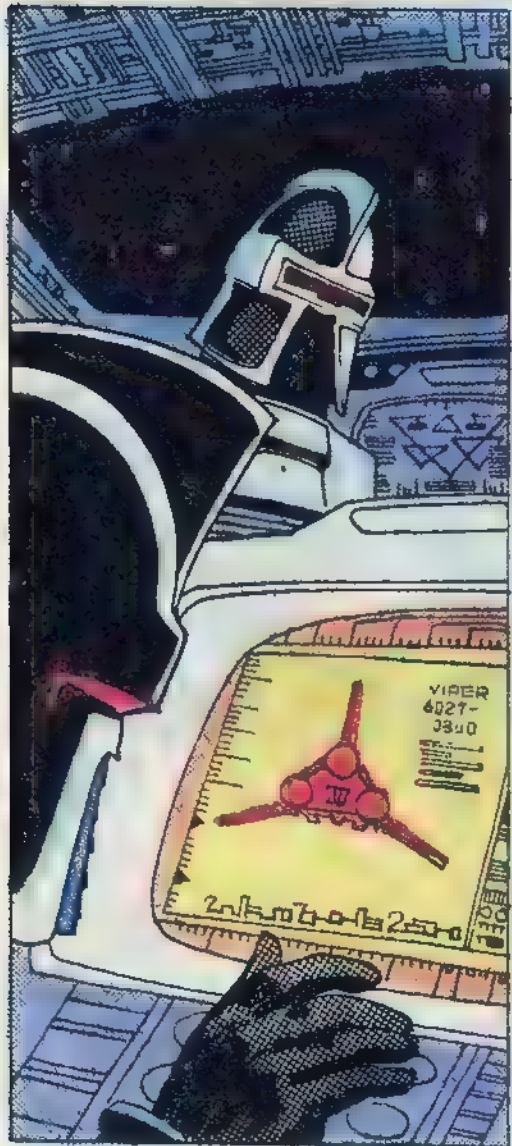
DO IT, APOLLO! I'M SHORT AN ENGINE...I WON'T BE ABLE TO KEEP UP WITH YOU!

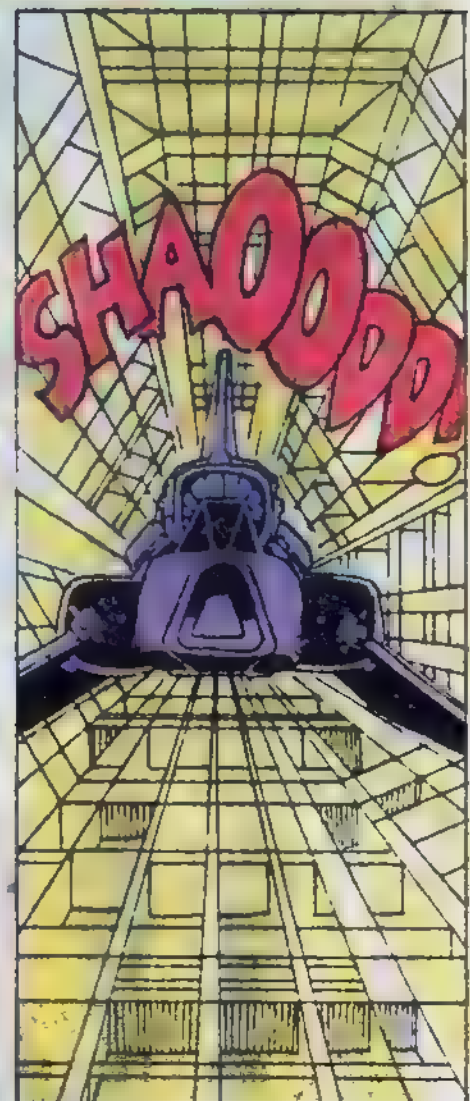
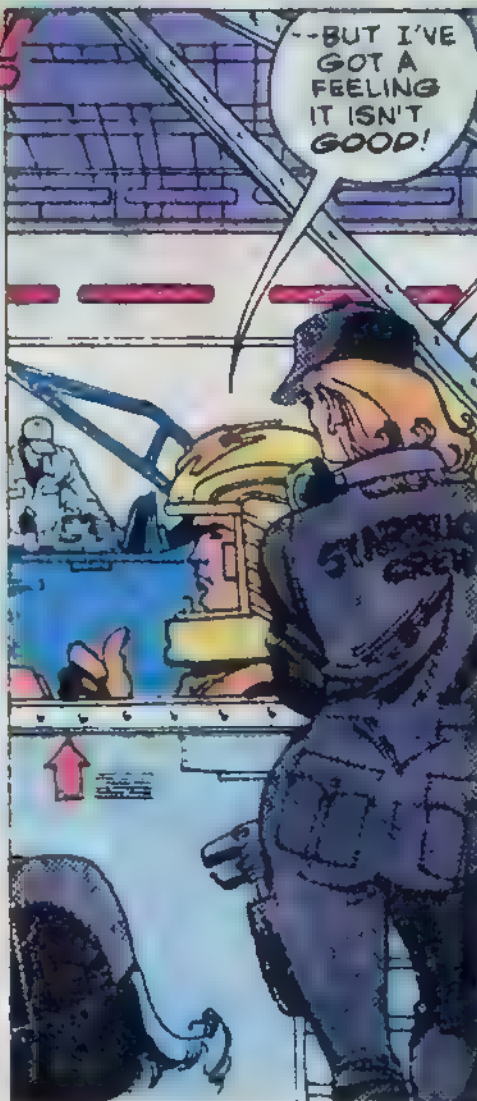
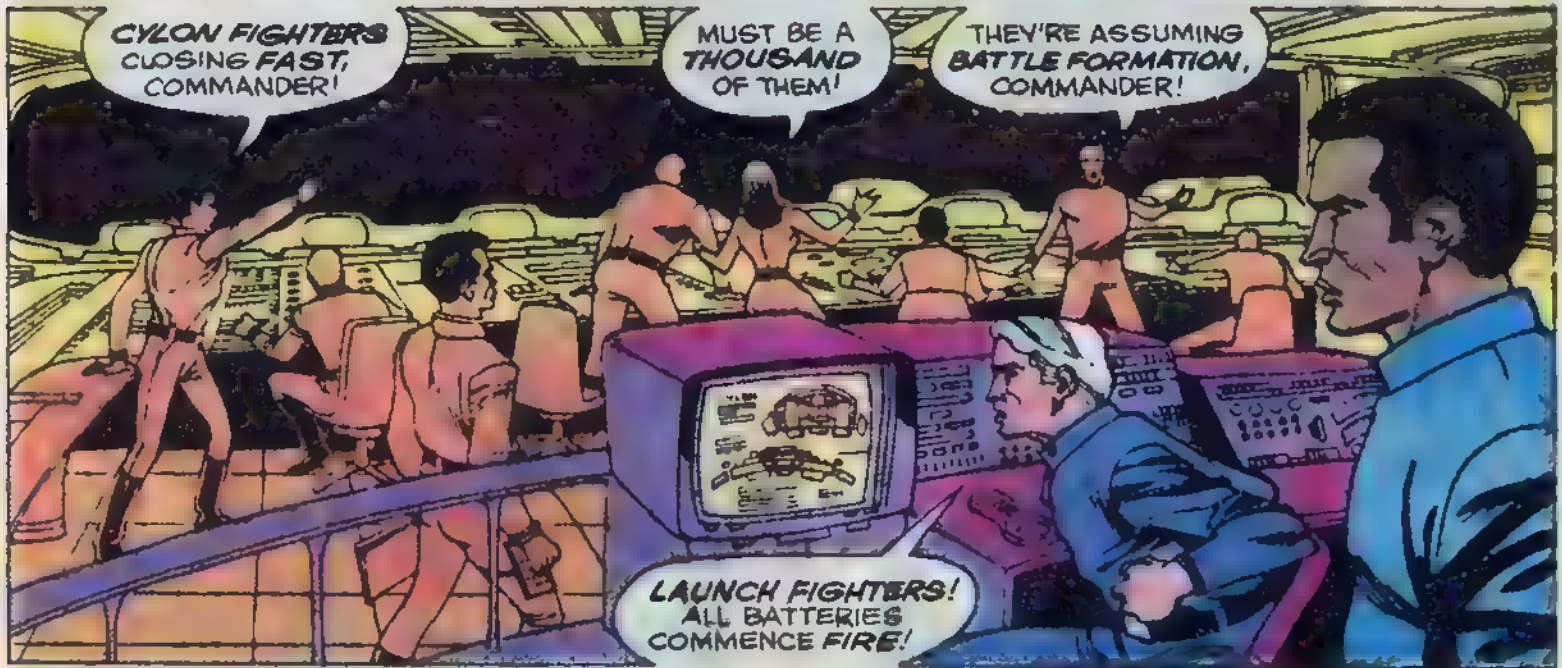
GO ON! YOU'VE GOT TO WARN THE FLEET! I'LL BE ALL RIGHT!

I'LL BE BACK FOR YOU! I PROMISE, I....



COME ON, BABY! GIVE ME ALL YOU'VE GOT!





RELENTLESSLY, THE ATTACKING CYLONS HAMMER AWAY AT THE COLONIAL FLEET...

HAVE ANY OF THE OTHER BATTLESTARS GOTTEN ANY PLANES OFF, COLONEL?

NO, SIR...

YOU'LL HAVE TO TELL APOLLO ABOUT ZAC... HE'LL BE HERE ANY MINUTE...

LORD HELP US... EH--?

FATHER... CYLONS AMBUSHED US! I HAD TO LEAVE ZAC... HIS SHIP WAS DISABLED!

I'D LIKE TO GO BACK AND LEAD HIM IN...

APOLLO... SON...

APOLLO, THAT WON'T BE POSSIBLE... NOW. HIS SHIP WAS DESTROYED JUST SHORT OF THE FLEET. I'M... SORRY...

I... I LEFT HIM, FATHER. I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO DO. IF I DON'T GO BACK...

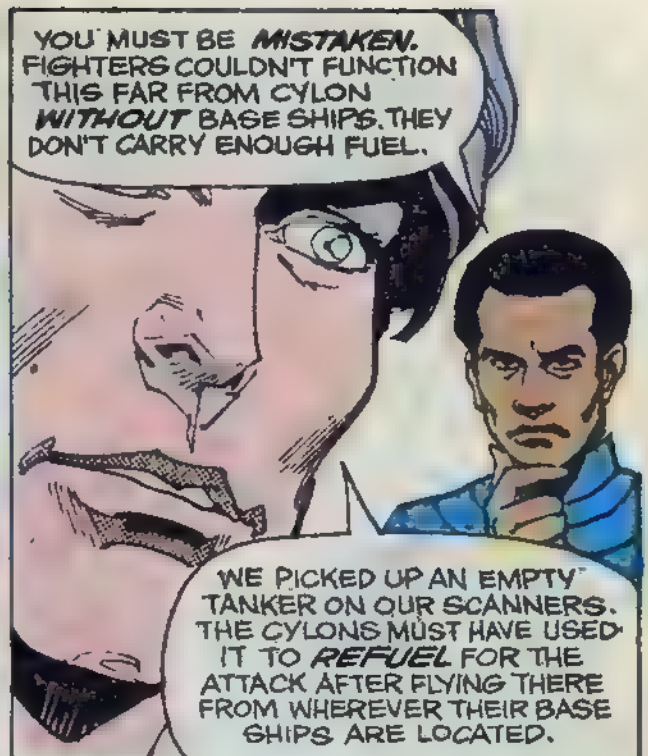
Z-ZAC--? NO... I LEFT HIM, I--

YOU DIDN'T HAVE ANY CHOICE, SON.



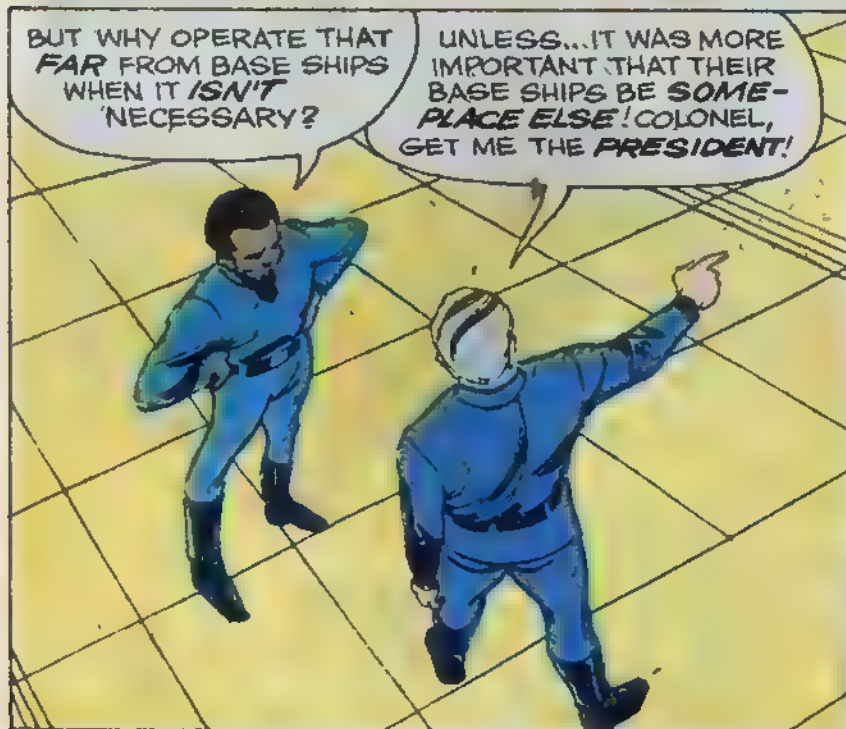
CAPTAIN...I'M **SORRY**...BUT WE MUST KNOW HOW MANY **BASE SHIPS** WE'RE DEALING WITH.

WHA--? NO. NO **BASE SHIPS**.



YOU MUST BE **MISTAKEN**. FIGHTERS COULDN'T FUNCTION THIS FAR FROM **CYLON** **WITHOUT** **BASE SHIPS**. THEY DON'T CARRY ENOUGH **FUEL**.

WE PICKED UP AN **EMPTY** **TANKER** ON OUR **SCANNERS**. THE **CYLONS** MUST HAVE USED IT TO **REFUEL** FOR THE **ATTACK** AFTER **FLYING** THERE FROM WHEREVER THEIR **BASE SHIPS** ARE **LOCATED**.

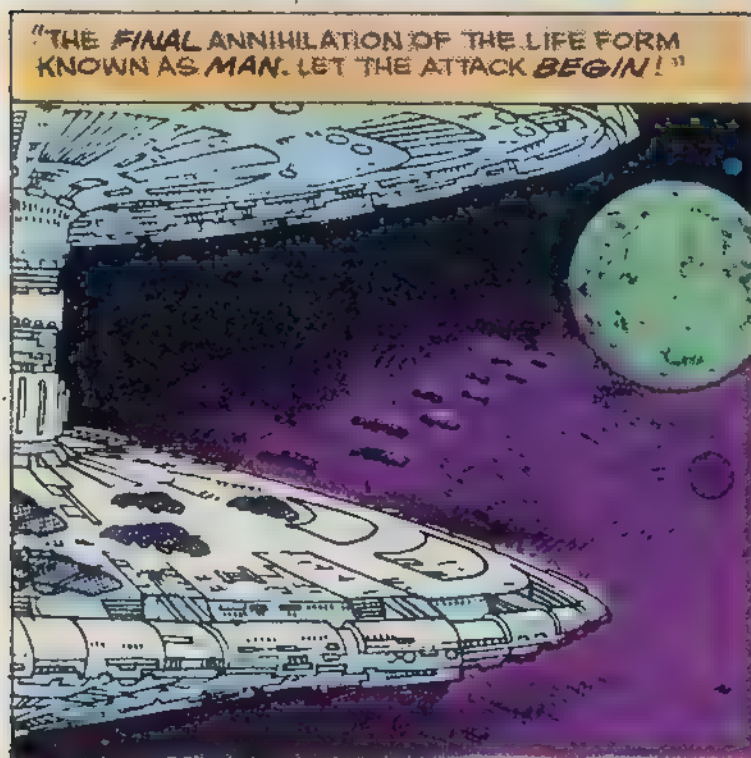


BUT WHY OPERATE THAT **FAR** FROM **BASE SHIPS** WHEN IT **ISN'T** **NECESSARY**?

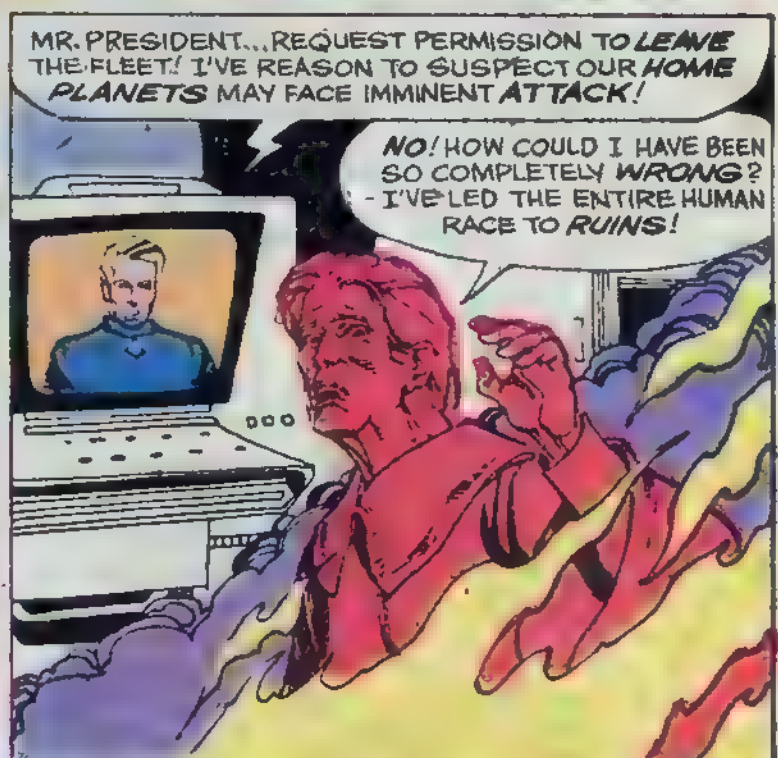
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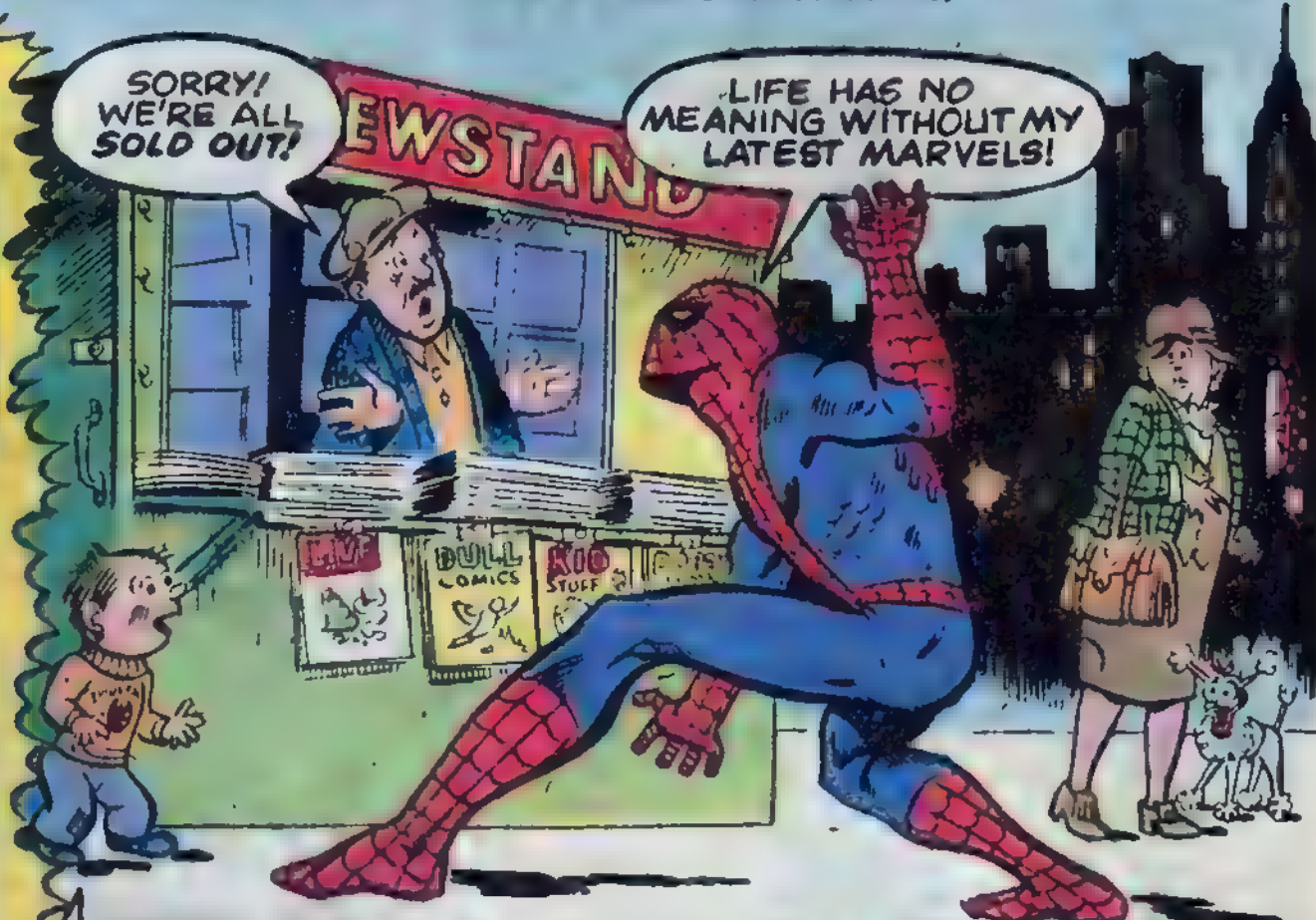


MR. **PRESIDENT**...REQUEST PERMISSION TO **LEAVE** THE **FLEET**! I'VE REASON TO **SUSPECT** OUR **HOME PLANETS** MAY FACE **IMMINENT ATTACK**!

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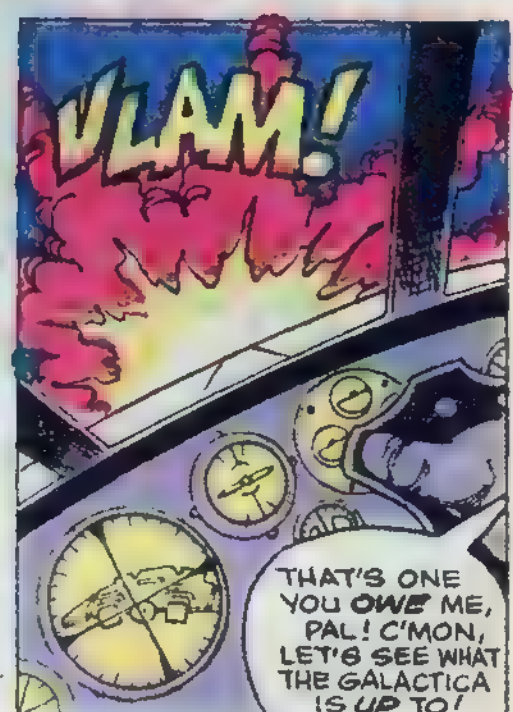
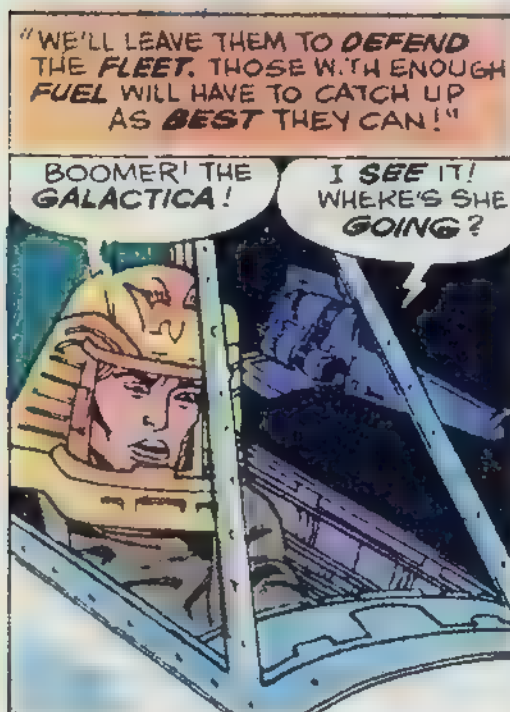
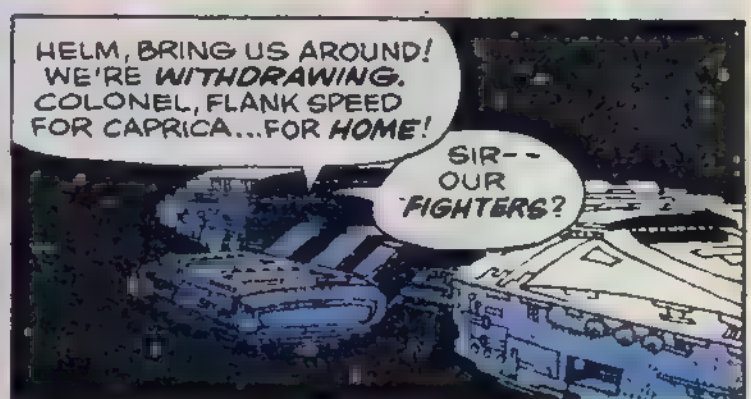
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LOOK! LOOK THERE!

...PEACE... THE GLORIOUS GOAL FOR WHICH WE HAVE SACRIFICED... UH... WHAT'S THAT?

CYLON WARSHIPS!

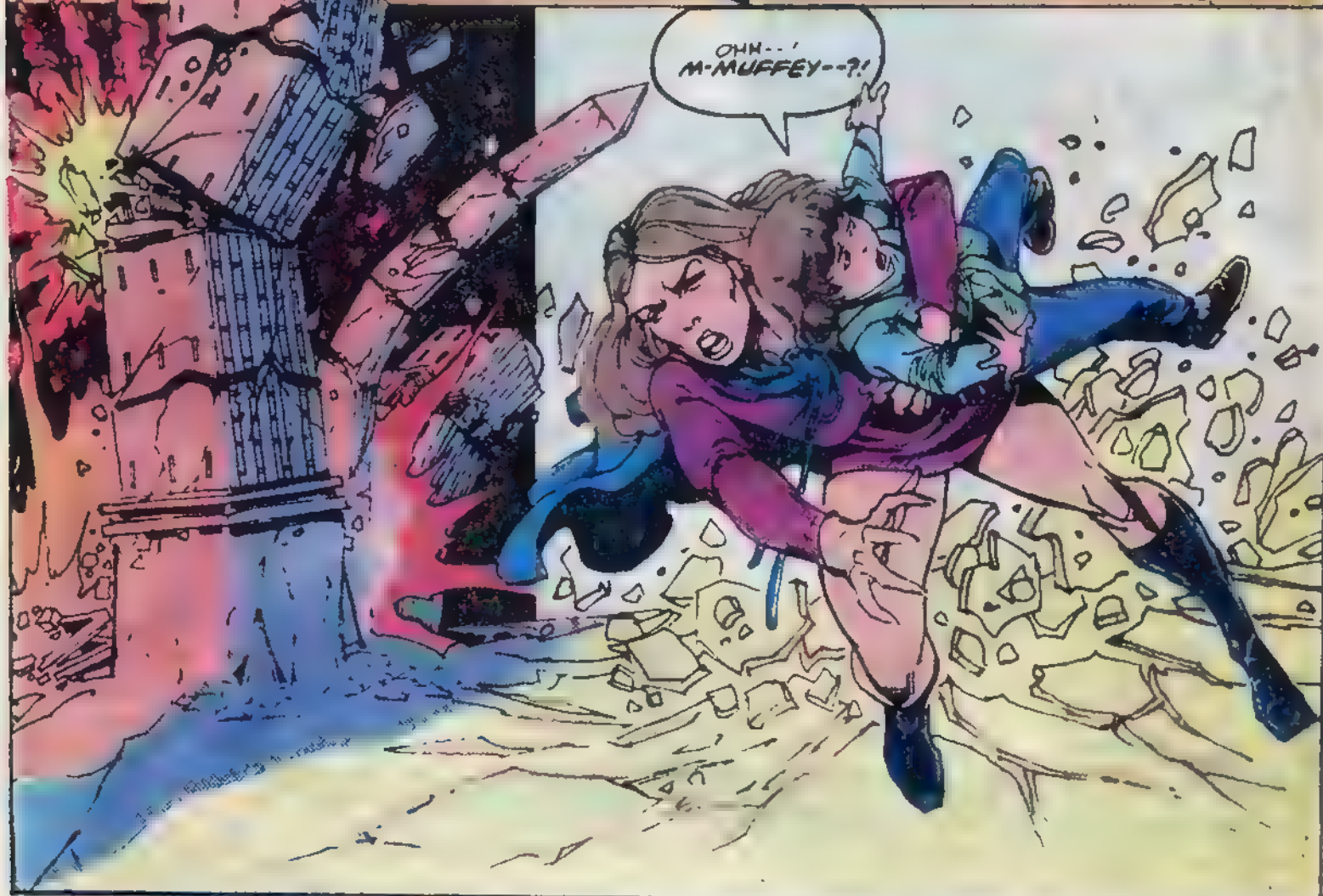
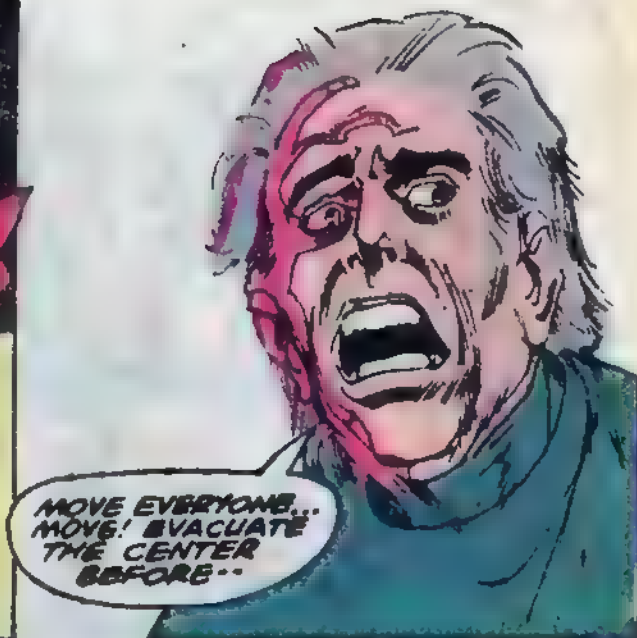
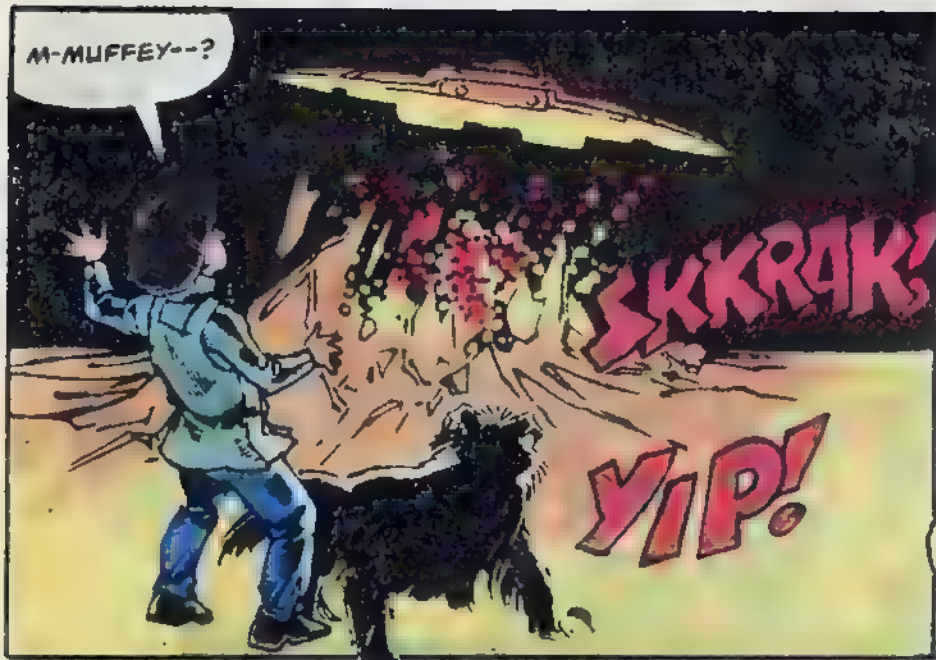
MUFFEY!

YIP! YIP!

THEY'RE BOMBING THE CITY! BUT... WHERE'S OUR FLEET? WHY AREN'T THEY PROTECTING US?

COME BACK HERE, YOU DAGGIT, YOU!

BOXEY! SOMEONE GRAB MY CHILD... PLEASE!



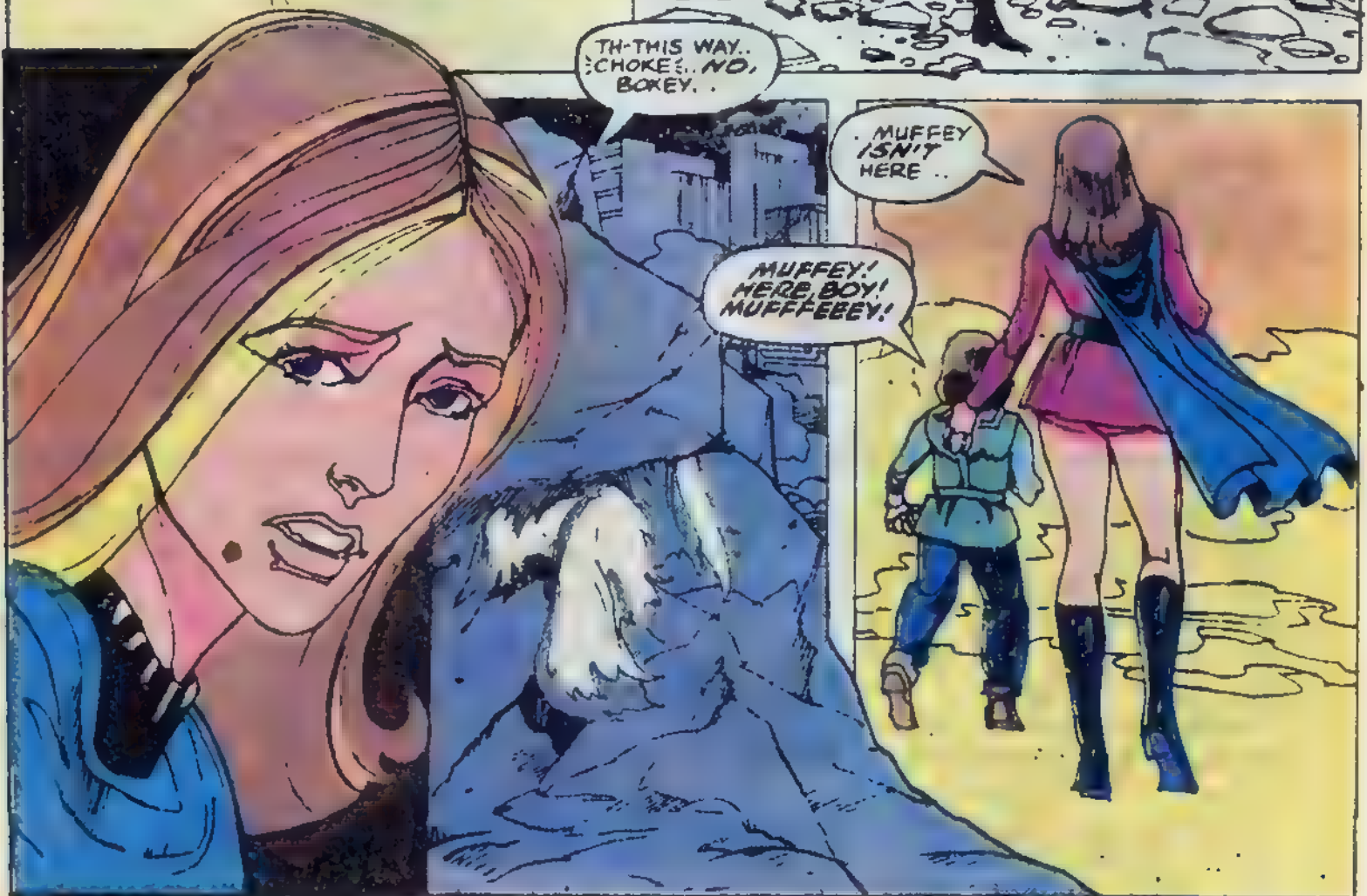
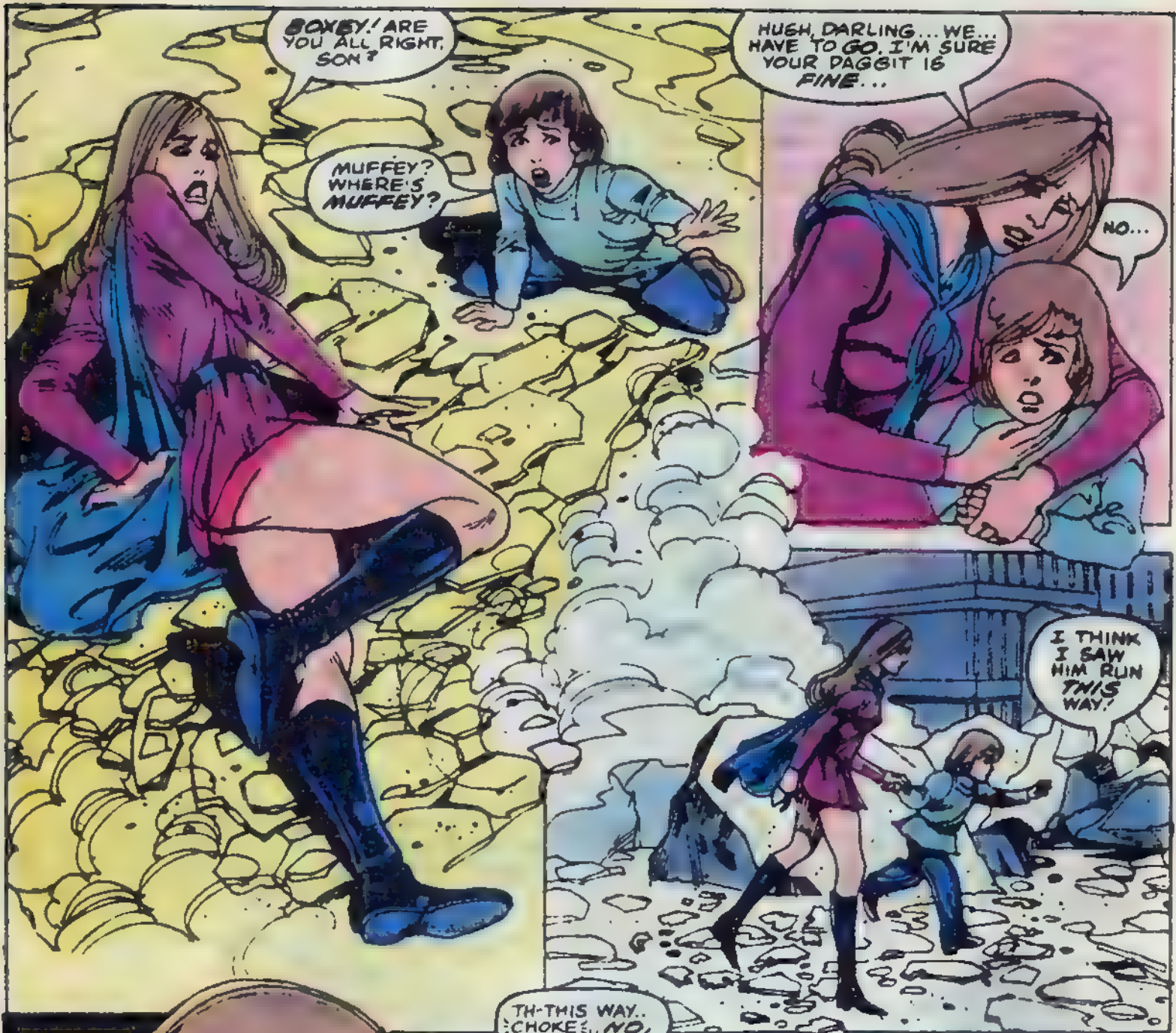
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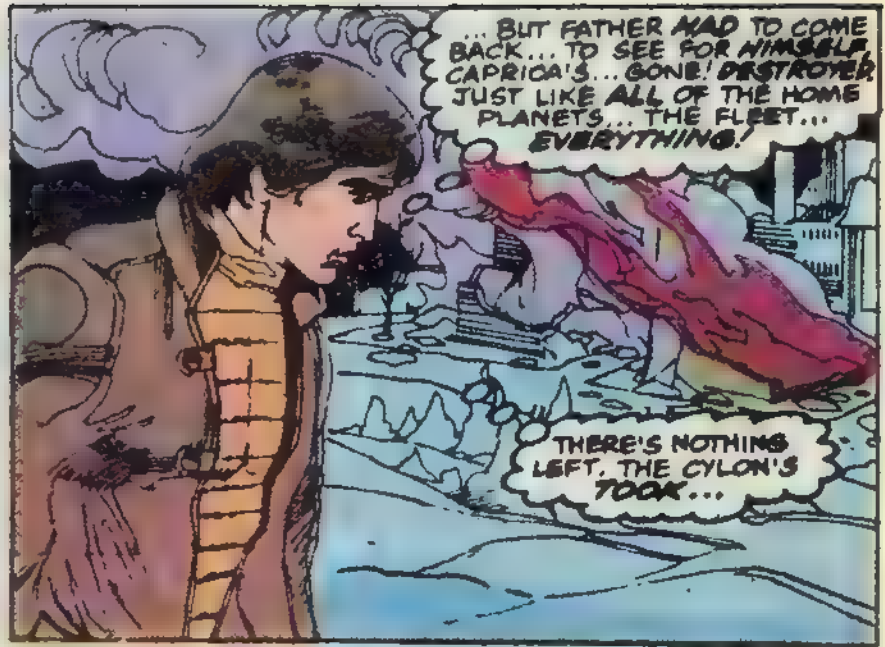
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WE... WE
WERE
TOO
LATE...



... BUT FATHER HAD TO COME
BACK... TO SEE FOR HIMSELF
CAPRICA'S... GONE! DESTROYED,
JUST LIKE ALL OF THE HOME
PLANETS... THE FLEET...
EVERYTHING!

THERE'S NOTHING
LEFT, THE CYLON'S
TOOK...



...EVERYTHING...?

WHA--?
TORCHES,
HEADING
THIS
WAY!



I--I'M SORRY,
ILA. I WAS
NEVER HERE WHEN
IT MATTERED.
NEVER...

FATHER... THERE
ARE CROWDS COMING.
SURVIVORS. THEY
PROBABLY SAW OUR
SHIP LAND...



A FEW MICRONS,
SON I'D LIKE TO
BE ALONE. ILA...

MAYBE
SHE WASN'T
HERE.
MAYBE
MOTHER
ESCA--

SHE...
WAS
HERE...

CAPTAIN APOLLO TURNS
STIFFLY, SILENTLY, FROM HIS
FATHER. HE MOVES SLOWLY
FROM THE CHARRED RUINS
ONCE CALLED HOME, TO FACE...



BOY-- YOU'RE
A COLONIAL
WARRIOR!

WHERE
ARE THE
OTHERS?

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STAN'S SOAPBOX

Okay, gang—the first thing you've gotta do is make sure you're alone in your room. Now, look the doors and windows. What you are about to read is top secret and for the eyes of True Believers only. If this information were (perish forbid!) to fall into the hands of a competitive comicbook company (not that we care to admit we *have* any competition), the very foundations of literature as we know it would assuredly shrivel and crumble before your awestricken eyes! Therefore, remember you this—for what thou art about to peruse, thou art hereby pledged to deepest secrecy, in the hallowed name of Marveldom Assembled!

And now that we've done with the obligatory ceremonial trappings, let us proceed to the heart of the matter, namely—the exposé of the century—the revelation of the age—the unvarnished truth about the world's most famous non-entity—Honest Irving Forbush! Oh, how I wish this were but a script for one of our mags, so that I could title it “If This be Forbush!” Or, “There Shall Come a Forbush!” Or perhaps, “Let There be Forbush!” Well, you get the idea.

Years ago, about the time that MAD magazine was a-borning, yours truly produced a similar publication called SNAFU. Since the SATURDAY EVENING POST, in those days, had a line on the cover which read “Founded by Benjamin Franklin”, it occurred to me that SNAFU could do no less than have a similar line on its contents page. But whose name would I use? Well, after many sleepless nights I came up with the phrase “Founded by Irving Forbush”. Why Irving Forbush? I've absolutely no idea! I never knew anyone with that name, not particularly wanted to. It just had the right sound to me. Incidentally, wanting to go the POST one better, I added, on the other side of the contents column, the line “Losted by his cousin, Melvin Forbush”, or some such name—it's hard to remember after all that time.

Anyway, years later when mighty Marvel was just beginning to conquer the entire literary universe, I thought ‘twould be fun to bring back good ol’ Irv and give him the fame and prominence he so richly deserved. So there you have it. A fantastically meaningful object lesson in how to create something out of nothing and keep it the same way! And, if any of you can make any sense out of the foregoing, then consider thyself thrice No-Prized! As for me, I'm off to have a hoedown with the Hulk!

Excelsior!

Stan

P.S. No! No! No! It isn't true that Forbush is Darth Vader spelled sideways.

ITEM! Lately, it seems that Marvel's mighty magazine line has become the talk of the known universe! We've gotten a veritable mountain of mail from all over, voicing thunderous approval of our full-color Super Special ventures like JAWS 2, BATTLESTAR GALACTICA™ and KISS2. For more than a year now, we've been experimenting with better paper, new printing processes, new coloring techniques and special features (such as our four-page fold-out KISS poster!) and with each new project we gain experience, honing our skills. We at Marvel think we're on the threshold of revolutionizing the comics industry with our somewhat-more-expensive but oh-so-beautiful magazines. In fact we have a whole bunch of mind boggling new Super-Specials and full-color series in the works right now, like SATANA, for instance, and STAR-LORD, and the long-awaited, Tolkienesque WEIRDWORLD magazine, written by Doug Moench, and painted in watercolors by Mike Ploog! We can't wait for you to see these dazzling offerings—and that's where the only problem lies. It seems that more than a few of the cards and letters deluging the ol' Bullpen bear complaints about the difficulties many of you have had in locating our Marvelous Magazines. The trouble is that not enough newsstands and magazine stores carry our masterworks, and some that do don't stock all of them. All we can say, friends, is that we're doing what we can from this end—the rest is up to you! If distribution of our comics and magazines isn't up to snuff in your area, let your local retailers know about it! Make them aware of just how many sales they're passing up. Better still, find out who the magazine distributors are in your area and drop them a line. Tell them the titles you want to see on the stands! Remember, it's up to you! And if all else fails, friend, don't forget that you can subscribe to all our regular titles. It's \$4.50 for twelve issues of any 35¢ comic, and although one cannot yet subscribe to our glorious Super Specials (or annuals, or other one-shot special-type mags... sigh!) there is no reason at all to miss a single panel of the wonderment within SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN (12 issues for \$13.00), CRAZY (12 issues for \$8.50), MARVEL PREVIEW (4 issues for \$4.50), or THE HULK, in full, scintillating color (6 issues for a mere \$9.50). Address orders, with your check or money order enclosed, to Marvel Magazine Group Subscription Department, 575 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y., 10022. You'll be glad you did.



ITEM! The insiders' hot tip of the month—buy yourself a copy of DAREDEVIL #157. Some of you will likely recognize the guest-writer's name, though she's relatively

new to the scripting biz, and once you've been dazzled by her inaugural effort, we're willing to bet that few of you will soon forget the lady's style!

ITEM! The event in comics this month has to be the arrival of BATTLESTAR GALACTICA™ #1, the premiere issue of what is sure to be one of Marvel's best and most popular series for a long, long time! Ramblin' ROGER MCKENZIE, writer, and Ever-ready ERNIE COLON, artist, have expanded their already acclaimed adaptation of the Battlestar Galactica™ TV movie to kick off the 35¢ color-comics series. You don't want to miss this one—so get on down to your news stand now!



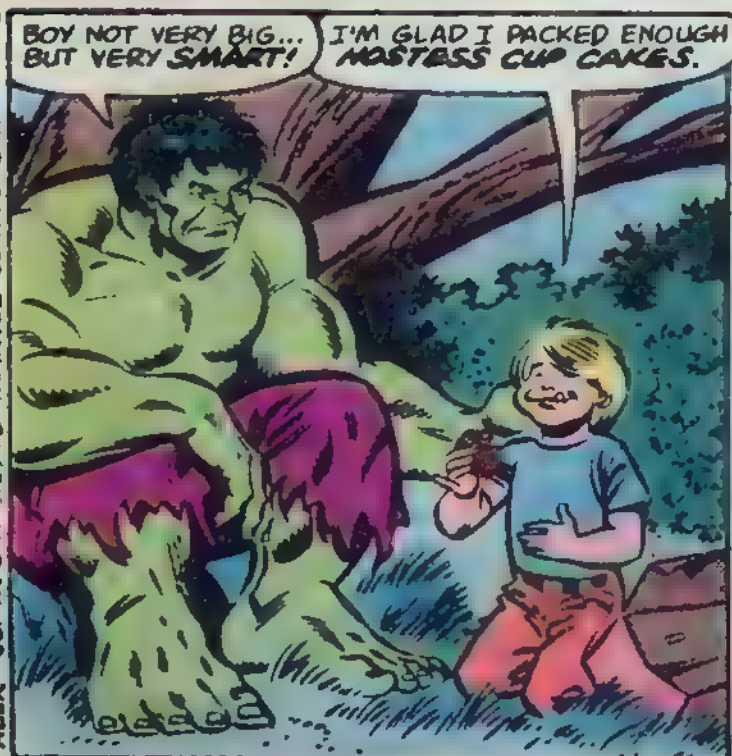
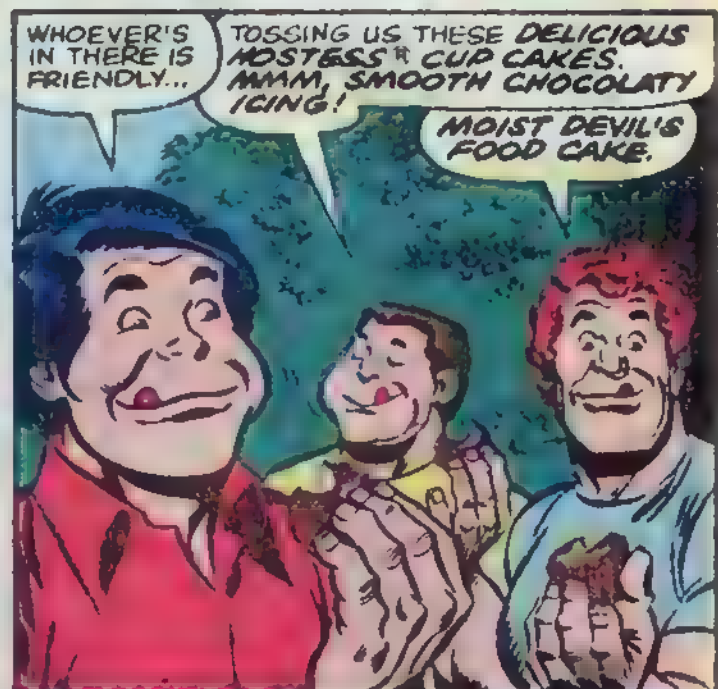
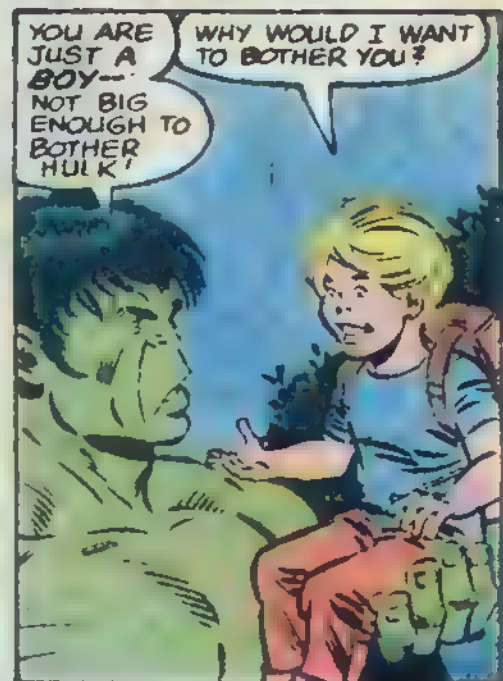
ITEM! Time to update the old Marvel Score cards again, gang. Dubious DANNY CRESPI, Former Dean of Letterers and production person par excellence, has risen to the elite status of Assistant Production Manager. Former APM, Dependable DAVE COHEN has gone West in pursuit of True Happiness and a career in music—so it's best of luck to two great guys!

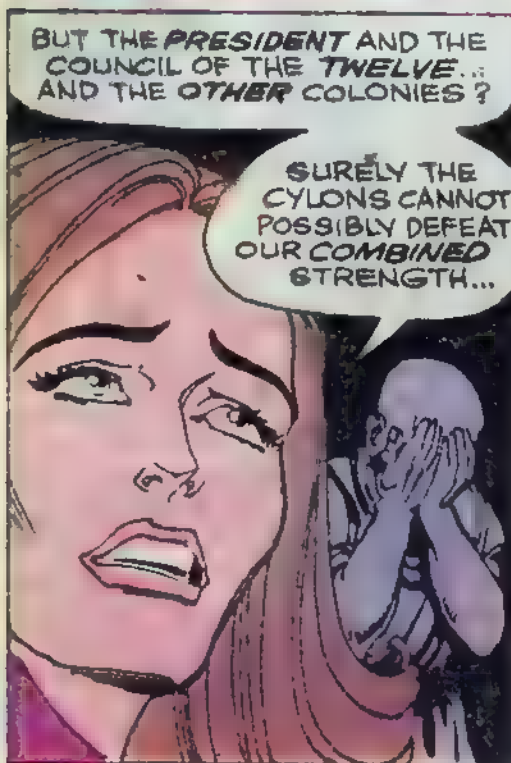
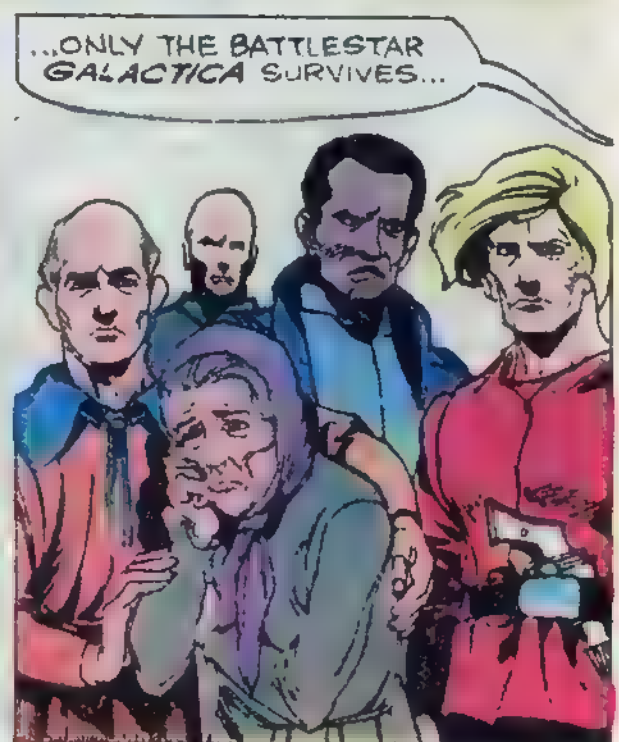
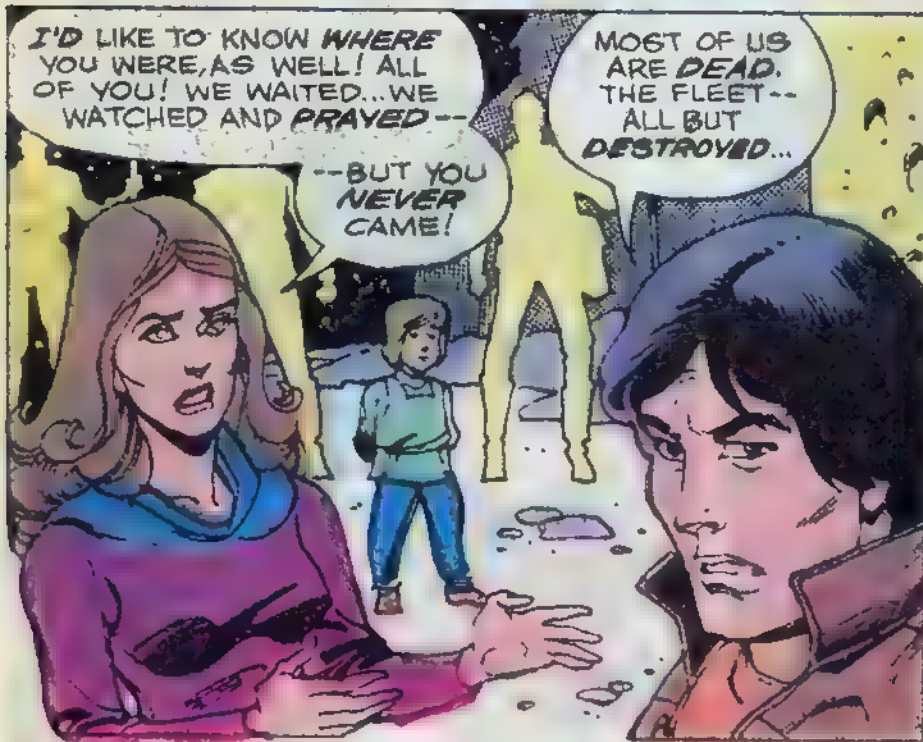
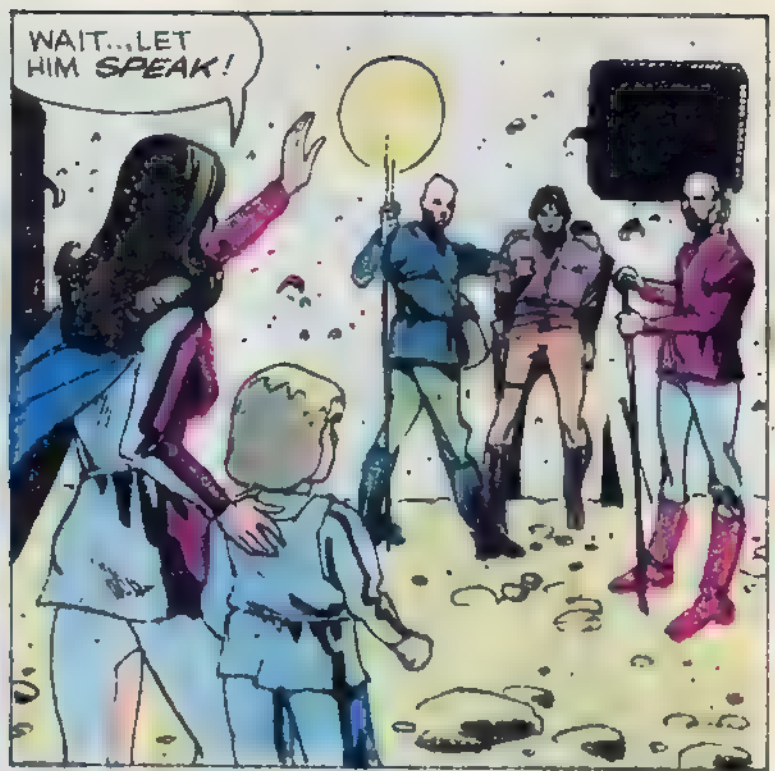
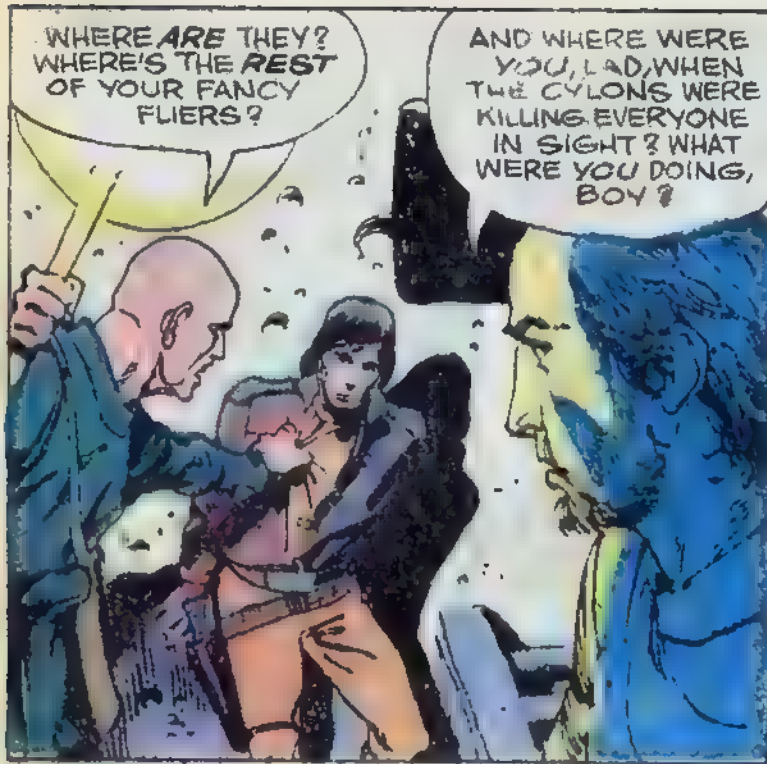
ITEM! Speaking of Super Specials, there's one coming your way in late November that's bound to set your mind on end! We'll give you a hint—it's all about the adventures of a certain thief, reaver, and slayer, noteworthy for his gigantic melancholies and gigantic mirth, whose idea of fun is treading the jeweled thrones of the Earth under his sandaled feet. No, it isn't Howard the Duck (but keep your eyes open for Howie's Super Special debut). In fact, Marvel Super Special #8 features none other than CONAN THE BARBARIAN in the same snazzy full-color format as in his previous appearance in Super Special #2! There's a surprise second feature in this issue, which we won't give away just yet, but fans of peerless feminine pulchritude would be well advised to peruse it. It's only a buck and a half, for Forbush's sake!

Happy Holidays!

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...A SISTER WORLD FAR OUT IN THE UNIVERSE, REMEMBERED TO US ONLY THROUGH ANCIENT WRITINGS! WE MUST SEEK OUT THAT LAST REMAINING OUTPOST OF HUMANITY... TO ASK FOR THEIR HELP IN REBUILDING AND TO WARN THEM OF THE EVIL ALLIANCE AND THEIR INTENTION TO DESTROY ALL MANKIND!



BUT SIR, THIS COLONY... I DON'T THINK ANYBODY EVEN KNOWS WHERE IT IS AND, BESIDES, WE BARELY HAVE ENOUGH FUEL TO GET OUT OF THIS GALAXY!



WE'LL FIND IT, COLONEL, BECAUSE WE HAVE NO CHOICE! IF WE STAY IN THIS STAR SYSTEM, THE ALLIANCE WILL EVENTUALLY HUNT US DOWN AND DESTROY US!



I CANNOT TELL YOU THAT I KNOW PRECISELY WHERE IT IS...BUT IT LIES BEYOND THIS STAR SYSTEM IN A GALAXY LIKE OUR OWN...



...ON A PLANET CALLED EARTH!



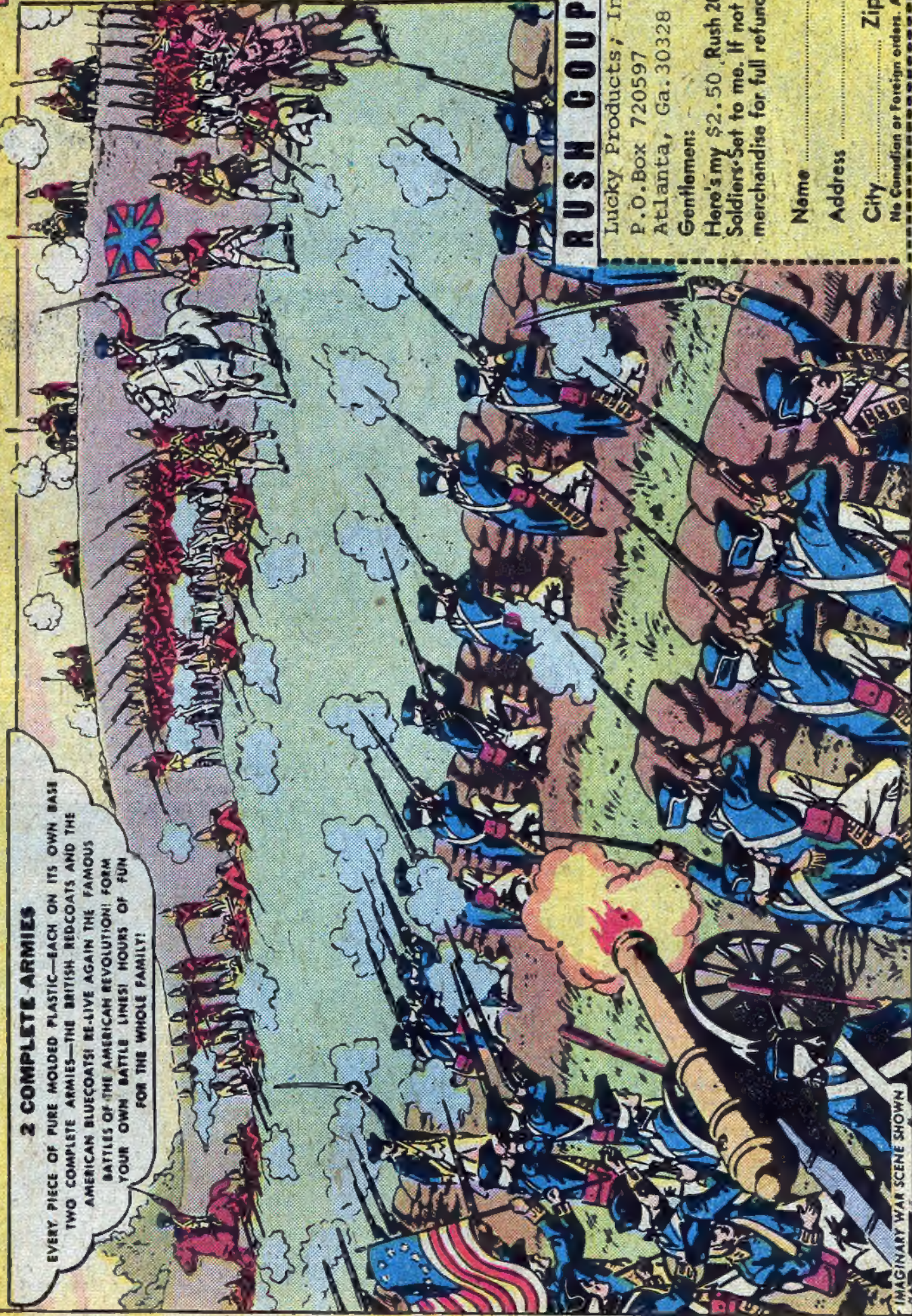
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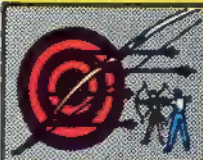
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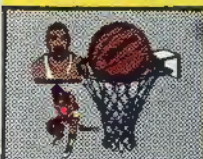
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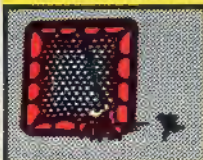
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